

Ninth Annual  
**OXFORD SUMMER INSTITUTE IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM**  
**(OSI – MCJ)**

**Worship, Space, and Performance in Modern and Contemporary Judaism:**  
**Continuity and Innovation**

3 July – 8 July 2022

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies  
in conjunction with the  
Philip and Muriel Berman Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University

**PROGRAMME**



Quilted Torah mantles, Amanda Ford, Maryland, USA

## SUNDAY, JULY 3

Morning Arrival at Worcester College

12:00pm Lunch in Rose Garden Room

1:30pm **SESSION 1: Opening**

- Miri Freud-Kandel, Hartley Lachter, Adam Ferziger, Jodi Eichler-Levine
- Welcome, explanation of concept, expectations
- Roundtable self-introductions/research focus of each participant

3:30pm Coffee Break

4:00pm **SESSION 2: Ritual and the Mystical Realms**

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Hartley Lachter Ritual – Theurgy, and Historical Meaning in Medieval Kabbalah

Wojciech Tworek – *Di beste skhoyre?* Staff and faculty in an interwar Hasidic yeshiva: the case of Chabad

Respondents: Felicia Waldman, Adam Ferziger

Discussion

6:30pm Welcome Get-Together in Rose Garden

7:30pm Dinner



## MONDAY, JULY 4

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am **SESSION 3: Beyond the Temple**

Chair: Dalia Marx

Presenter: Martin Goodman (invited speaker, OCHJS and Oriental Studies)

11:00am Coffee Break

Discussion

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm **SESSION 4: Performance and Conceptualization**

Chair: Hartley Lachter

Jodi Eichler-Levine – Jewish Soundscapes, Disney Dreams: Performance and Rituals at the Happiest Place on Earth

Netta Schram – Sound Beliefs: A performative approach to the thought of Irving Greenberg, Ovadia Yosef, and Yeshayahu Leibowitz

Respondents: Jessica Roda, Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz

4:00pm Coffee Break

4:30pm **SESSION 5: Transformative Spaces**

Chair: Adam Ferziger

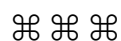
Felicia Waldman – Tradition and Innovation in the Religious Practices of the Great Spanish Temple of Bucharest

Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah – Moroccan Judaism 2.0: Worship, Space, and Performance in Passover Programs

Respondents: Wojciech Tworek, Netta Schramm

Discussion

7:30pm Dinner



## TUESDAY, JULY 5

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am **SESSION 6: Women and Worship**

Chair: Hartley Lachter

Miri Freud-Kandel – From Louis to Lindsey: Women’s Religious Leadership, British Orthodoxy, and Shifting Approaches to Authority

Michal Raucher – The Synagogue Rabbi: The Stained-Glass Ceiling and the Solid Wood Mechitza

Respondents: Doron Bar, Dalia Marx

Coffee Break

Discussion

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm **SESSION 7: Gender and Digital Space**

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Adam Ferziger – "A Daf of our Own" Gender, Talmud Study, and Orthodox Judaism in Digital Space

Jessica Roda – The Private Performer: Expanding Creativity, Redefining Publicity

Respondents: Jodi Eichler-Levine, Sasha Goldstein-Sabah

Discussion

3:30pm Coffee Break

4:00pm **SESSION 8: Worship Through Art**

Chair: Jodi Eicher-Levine

Presenter: Jacqueline Nicholls (Invited Speaker)

7:30pm Dinner



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6**

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am **SESSION 9: Nation Construction and Sanctification**

Chair: Adam Ferziger

Yaakov Yadgar – Nation-Statist Soteriology and Traditions of Defeat: Religious-Zionism, the Ninth of Av, and Jerusalem Day

Doron Bar – The Tsaddification of the Jewish Sacred Space in the Land of Israel

Respondents: Hartley Lachter and Michal Raucher

Coffee Break

Discussion

12:00pm Lunch

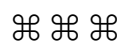
2:00pm **SESSION 10: What Have We Learned So Far?**

Moderator: Hartley Lachter

3:30pm Depart for Bodleian Library Tour (Optional)

5:30pm Early dinner

6:45pm Meet for Midsummer Night's Dream at Oxford Castle Theatre (Optional)



**THURSDAY, JULY 7**

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am **SESSION 11: Worship, Space, and Performance in Comparative Perspective**

Chair: Miri Freud Kandel

Presenter: Justin Jones (invited speaker, Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford)

11:00am Coffee Break

Discussion

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm **Study Session: “Reading” Jewish Material Culture**

Chair/Facilitator: Jodi Eichler-Levine

Discussion

3:30pm Coffee Break

4:00pm **SESSION 13: Performative Study**

Chair: Hartley Lachter

Dalia Marx – The TaNaKH in the Israeli Public Sphere: The Case of the 929 Project

Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz – ‘A Taste of the World to Come’: Time and Timelessness at Limmud Conference

Respondents: Miri Freud-Kandel, Alicia Vergara Murillo

Discussion

7:30pm Concluding Dinner



**FRIDAY, JULY 8**

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am **SESSION 14: Summary Session and Topics for the Future**

Moderators: Jodi Eichler-Levine, Hartley Lachter, Adam Ferziger, Miri Freud-Kandel

11:00 Safe travels to all!



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**Convenors:**

Miri Freud-Kandel (University of Oxford)

Adam Ferziger (Bar-Ilan University)

Hartley Lachter (Lehigh University)

Jodi Eichler-Levine (Lehigh University)



**Visiting Participants:**

Doron Bar (The Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies)

Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah (University of Groningen)

Dalia Marx (Hebrew Union College - JIR)

Michal Raucher (Rutgers University)

Jessica Roda (Georgetown University)

Netta Schramm (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz (London School of Jewish Studies)

Wojciech Tworek (University of Wroclaw)

Felicia Waldman (University of Bucharest)



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